THROUGH THE STATE

TERSBURG AND VICINITY. o Death of a Well-Known Man-Tregic Incident Recalled, &c.

PETERSBURG, Jan. 1, 1886. formation was received this morn Information was received this monitor of the sudden death yesterday, at home in Sussex, of Colonel T. G.

tham, a well-known and popular citim of that county. Colonel Barham is about fifty years of age, and served illantly as a private and officer roughout the late war. He was one the most genial and kind-hearted of an and one of the most entertaining companions. He was for some years ected with the press of this city, nd few men were more widely known ughout this section.

A gentleman of this city and an offi-er of that famous command has in his ossession a complete roll of Mahone's origade down to within a short time of evacuation of Petersburg. He only wed it from capture or destruction by ng the papers in a box and seing them in a smoke-house in this They will prove valuable historic

The Petersburg Club has been offi-ally notified, under the decision of the commissioner of Internal Revenue, hat it must pay license for the privilege of using liquor in its rooms, and the Club has gracefully yielded the point as to its liability.

A number of changes in mercantile and professional business are announced

for the new year-more than usual

The recent pardon by the Governor of the colored woman Mary Booth, of Surry county, who was under sentence of imprisonment for life for murder, recalls a tragic incident of two or three years ago. A citizen of wealth. refine farm and settled in that county. He was married, but had no children; and he employed a manager for his farm who ate at the family table. One morning his wife and the manager, after eating breakfast, were taken ill, and both died in great agony. Death was declared to have been caused by poison eaten in their food. The affair produced a profound sensation, and every effort was made to fathom it to the bot tom. Several of the servants were arrested on the charge of administering the poison—said to have been arsenic or strychnine—but they were finally dis-charged, with the exception of Mary Booth who, after trial, was convicted and sentenced to be hanged. On account of her youth and other circumstances the death-sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life, and finally pardon was granted. The body of the lad was sent to New York for interment Her husband's grief was such that h became a changed man, eventually left the place, and at last committed suicide. His body was taken North and buried beside that of his wife.

The congregation of West-End Bap tist church in this city have extended a call to Rev. M. L. Wood, of Charles City county, to become their pastor. ROBIN ADAIR.

NORFOLK.

Beath of a Naval Constructor-The Oyster

[Correspondence of the Richm and Dispatch, JANUARY 1, 1886. Naval-Constructor G. F. Mallett, of the Gosport navy-yard, expired this morning at 7 o'clock of consumption and a sickness lasting six months or more.

The Virginia gunboat Chesapeake has just returned from a cruise up the bay and reports capturing three eastern schooners buying oysters with proper licenses. Neighboring roper licenses. Neighboring oyster-aspectors were taken on board and the vessels released after paying the tax re-Judge Blow, of the Circuit Court,

has decided against the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company in a suit instituted last spring by Norfolk county to recover taxes levied on the railroad in the limits of the county. A great many of our people are en-

joying New Year, and a number of business-places are closed. Mr. Jesse Jones, for many years a

prominent merchant of Norfolk, died at his home, on Brewer street. He was the senior of the firm of Jesse Jones & Son., grain-dealers. It is estimated that the four peanut

factories of Norfolk did a business of over \$1,500.000 last year. During last year 161 houses of kinds were built in Norfolk.

DANVILLE.

Watch-Night Services-Caue Presentation

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch. JANUARY 1, 1886. The Methodists kept watch-night at Mount Vernon church and saw the old year out. Dr. Starr preached the ser-After the conmon of the occasion. gregation had been dismissed, Colonel Withers, on behalf of the ladies of the church, presented Dr. Edwards with a gold-headed cane and Mrs. Edwards

with a pair of gold spectacles.

Mr. E. M. Pace, of Pace's warehouse, goes on duty to-day as Cre-marshal, vice C. C. Snead, Esq., resigned. Mr. Pace will make a most excellen

Dr. Starr, of the Main-Street church delivered a temperance address in North Danville last night, during which he was asked if he favored a temperance party in the State. He replied without hesitation that he did not favor such a party, because it could do no had and would tend to divide the give a balance of power cople. He referred to thition in North Carohis position, saying his convictions, but whenever it could

was wrong. The audience up cor ELIA. BURG.

& Meadows's in Appomatr the thieves

has issued a circular announcing teales during the month of December 5,461,260 pounds of tobacco—iargest sales for the same month

THE EASTERN SHORE.

faint Affray in Accomack; the Result of an (Special telegram to the Dispa

TASLEY, VA., January 1.—A fatal affray occurred late yesterday afternoon at Matomkin, several miles north of Accomack Courthouse, between Thomas A. Duncan and Judson Hickman, two A. Duncan and Judson Hickman, two prosperous farmers and peaceable citizens. It seems that a feud had long existed between the two families, and when Duncan and Hickman met yesterday words passed and the two men went out of the store to have it out in the public road. A crowd of some forty persons were present and witnessed the fight which continued for fifteen or twenty minutes. Duncan was middle-aged and weighed fully two hundred pounds, while Hickman is hardly grown and is only of medium size. After Duncan had been knocked down three or four times by the powerful blows from his adversary's the powerful blows from his adversary fists, he made a rush for Hickman'

father who was standing among the spectators. The two men clinched but were soon separated. Duncan then started for home about a mile distant. About an hour after-wards he was found lying by the roadside in an insensible condition and was carried to his house, where he died early this morning. An examination was held, and the dead man's skull was found to be terribly fractured above the left ear, while his face and body were covered with hideous bruises. Young Hickman was arrested this morning and lodged in Accomack-county jail. The affair is regarded as a very unfortunate occurrence. The dead man leaves a wife and two small children who depended on him for support. LURAY.

A Deer Run Down in the Town-Religion

ace of the Richmond Dispatch. DECEMBER 29, 1885. Considerable excitement was created this afternoon among the residents of running through the streets, and it was not long before a number of men and boys were in pursuit. The deer ran through the court-house yard and across Court street into the grove around the residence of Mr. B. C. Rust, where it fell exhausted. Here it was captured by Messrs. C. T. Holtzman, deputy clerk, and T. J. Berry, one of the editors of the Page Courier, and Master Frank Pierce, who were in the county clerk's office when the deer passed. They caught it before the crowd who were in pursuit came up. The deer was run down and made little resistance, and its throat was consequently cut without much difficulty.

The deer was started in the Massa-

nutton mountain, west of town, by several hunters with their hounds; several dogs coming up after it was killed. It was a buck and weighed 130 pounds. Some of the old residents of the town remember seeing a deer run through the town many years ago, which was caught and killed just out-

side of the corporate limits.

The series of meetings which have been in progress for several weeks past at the Baptist church of this place. conducted by Rev. II. M. Wharton, of Baltimore, was brought to a close last night. Nearly one hundred persons professed conversion, more than half of whom have united with the Baptist congregation, and the remainder with the other churches of the town. It is said that never before has there been such a religious awakening among our people. During the balance of the week services will be held at the Lutheran church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. I. Miller. At the close of these services a series of meetings will be commenced at the

Methodist Episcopal church. ROANOKE. Married Struck by a Train-Fell from Dump. Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch. DECEMBER 31, 1885. Mr. William Lunsford, a prominent member of the Rosnoke bar, was married this morning to Miss Nannie Preston, daughter of Mr. M. P. Preston, of this county. The ceremony took place in the Methodist church of this town, Rev. L. R. Green, the pastor, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Ludsford left on the noon train for Richmond, followed by the best wishes of their numerous friends. A man by the name of Mitchell, a watchman on the Shenandoah-Valley railroad at Troutville, sat down on the track near that place last night and went to sleep. He was struck by the south-bound train, but, strange to say, his wounds are not considered dangerous. He was brought on to Roanoke. J. L. Faries fell from the coal-dump in the yard of the Shenandoah-Valley and Norfolk and Western railroads, in the western part of the town, yesterday afternoon, and broke his left leg near The Circuit Court for the city ad-

journed yesterday, after having been in session for ten days.

In the case of The Commonwealth

es. Wilson Steptoe, charged with the murder of Lizzie Wilson on the night of November 4, 1884, a jury has been summoned from the county, and the trial will be had at the January term of our Hustings Court. More than a hundred witnesses have been summoned.

BUCKINGHAM.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch] DECEMBER 31, 1885. Mr. Alexander Morris, a thrifty and industrious citizen of our county, | lost his dwelling by fire on the morning of

the 27th instant. Cards were out for the marriage two of our people in the neighborhood on the 30th at night. The company were on time, but the minister was six minutes late, and the bride bolted and sent the groun a message on his way that he need not come, and he didn't. The supper and dance went on all the same.

The beaver-man on Appo

river has removed his traps to a point lower down the river, near the High Bridge.

Mrs. William F, Bendurant, a lady inent piety and worth, died a few

Rev. Paul F. Brewn, paster of Maysville and Newstore Presbyterian churches, has been quite ill, but is bet-

SEDALIA, MO. JENNEY

THE OLD NORTH STATE.

RALEIGH'S NEWSY BUDGET.

Off for the Turpentine Forests-Rede

Enda-Burned to Beath-Fell Bead.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., January 1.—Two hundred able-bodied negroes passed through Wilmington last night on their way to the turpentine forests of Georgia.

Some had been home from the South to spend Christmas and ware returning to spend Christmas, and were returning to work, but there were large accessions to their ranks gathered by agents of the turpentine-men in Onslow, Duplin, and

Wayne counties.

To-day was the last in which lands old for taxes and bid in by the State. could be redeemed under the act of the last General Assembly. The act is one of extraordinary stringency, espe-cially in its provisions regarding fail-ure to redeem by to-day. It will re-quire large additional costs hereafter to redeem forfeited lands, besides running the risk of the State's obtaining full

ssession of them. William Williams and Mitchell Rose were out in a small, heavily-loaded boat between Oyster Rock and the mouth of the Douglas canal, in Hyde county, Wednesday, when a strong and sudden wind capsized the boat. Both men were drowned. A party went in search of the bodies, but up to the last report nothing had been found except the canoe in which they were sailing. Yesterday while Mrs. Amelia Beacham was preparing dinner at home, in Beaufort county, her clothing caught fire and she was soon enveloped in flames. Being alone at the time, the woman in her terror rushed out into the open air, and the gale blowing served to render her condition a hope-less one. She would have burned to death immediately had not her husband and others near by heard her cries and arrived upon the scene at once. much difficulty they succeeded in ex-tinguishing the fiery mass, but not until the entire lower portion of her body had been literally roastod. She

died in a few hours. Work has been commenced on the telegraph line from Asheville to Spartanburg, S. C., through Hendersonville. The new commercial wire from Charlotte to Statesville, just completed, will connect at Asheville. In all probability Asheville will be made the re-

Colonel A. B. Andrews and Major J. W. Wilson went over the Asheville and Spartanburg road yesterday. The work of levelling the track is proceeding as rapidly as possible. It is hoped the regular through schedule can be fixed before many weeks. As soon as practicable this will be done. Yesterday Ada Edwards, the young

girl who was so terribly burned Mon-day night at Asheville, died of her in-J. T. Pickens died near Asheville yesterday. He arose very early ap-parently in usual health, walked to the fireplace, looked at the clock, sat down

over-a corpse. He was over seventy FATAL AFFRAY IN CHARLOTTE. CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 1 .- At Davidson College to-day a street en-counter occurred between J. D. Hood, a merchant, and J. W. Summers, a lawyer, in which Hood was shot, and, it is supposed, fatally injured. Hood and Summers are brothers-in-law and quarrelled about the settlement of an estate. Hood was attacking Summers with a hatchet when the latter used his

AFTER MANY YEARS.

pistol.

A Romantle Story, in Which an Ex-Confeder-Special telegram to the Dispatch. RALEIGH, N. C., January 1 .- A most romantic story, in all respects true, comes from Sampson county, this State. In 1861 the Rev. Dr. H. S. Spivey parted from his son, John G. Spivey, at Goldsboro'. The latter served with the army of the Southwest, and was present at the seige of Vicksburg, the battle of Corinth, and many other en-gagements. He was detailed on special duty in Arkansas and was captured at Dardanelles in 1863 and carried a prisoner to Johnson's Island, where he remained till the following February. After his release he was sent to Shreve port, La., and placed in command of hi regiment, in which position he served until the close of the war. After the surrender he went with some comrades to try his fortunes in the Northwest. After living a short while in several States he settled at Salina, Kan., where he has lived for sixteen years practicing law with great success. father heard of his capture and imprisonment, and thought he died in cap-tivity. In 1872 Colonel Spivey wrote to his father. The letter was misplaced, and came to light only a few weeks ago, while Mrs. Spivey was looking through an old box. The discovery of its contents led to a correspondence which resulted in the arrival of Colonel Spivey with his daughter, Miss Nettic in Cliston lest Sonday. The Nettie, in Clinton last Sunday. The joy of meeting of the father and son, each of whom had long since mourned the other as dead, is more easily im-agined than described. Friends of the Rev. Dr. Spivey, who so recently wept with him upon the death of his wife now rejoice with him in his gladness.

Fell Into a Trap. [By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

DES MOINES, IA., January 1 .- The path of the officers who attempt to en-force the prohibition law in Iowa is not always strewn with roses. Wednesday night Deputy-Sheriff Pierce went to the saloon of Lorenzo Ill, in Des Moines, with a search-warrant. Not finding any contraband in the bar-room, he tries the door leading to the cellar, but found it locked. When the bar-keeper refused to open the door Pierce broke it epen. Descending the stair-case by a dim light he saw the beer-keg in the cellar and started for it, but walked into a pit about nine feet deep, the bottom of which was set with sharpened stakes. Pierce threw out his arms and caugh on the sides of a hole, and by the aid of Constable Hansen, who accompanied him, he was rescued before falling on the stakes. The officers say that the pit had been freshly dug and every appearance of havin especially constructed for When released Pierce seize the beer-keg and carried it up-stairs and placed it in the hands of Constable Meanwhile the bar-keepe Hansen. Meanwhile the bar-keeper had sent for the police. Two officers came up and arrested Pierce on the charge of injuring the building. Lorenzo III also filed a complaint against him for malicious injury to the building. The case has not yet been de-

morning, when suddenly a sound like an underground explosion was heard from the east bank of the cavity. Then the earth on one side began to slip away rapidly, and was followed by an overwhelming flood of water. "Jump for your lives, boys!" the foreman shouted. "Climb out! climb out! or drown!" The men began to scramble up, but it was almost impossible, and the water poured in like a mill-race, and the heavy banks of earth began crumbling in. It looked as though the men would be caught and drowned like rats in a pit before help could be given, when Beckley called to them to climb upon his shoulders. In that manner every man was saved. Beckley was every man was saved. Beckley wa and when he left it the water was up to his arm-pits. Just as he was drawn out the two sides of the hole caved in. carrying several tons of earth into the gling a moment before. But for Beck ley's action several would have bee caught in it and inevitably drowned.

A \$50,000 Damage Suis.
[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]
CHICAGO, January 1.—Patrick Flaerty, who claims to have lived on a farm in Cook county for twenty-nine years, yesterday commenced an action in the Superior Court for \$50,000 damages against the heirs of Cyrus H. McCormick, Sr., claiming that from 1877 until the senior McCormick's death Leander McCormick and Cyrus H. McCormick, Sr., deceased, attempt ed to eject him from his property

a perfect title to which, is says, he holds. Suits were commence one after the other, to evict him. Som were non-suited and others have not yet come to a trial. There is also a bill in chancery against him, and he says that the summonses issued to the sheriff were not served because the complaining parties failed to pay the sheriff's fees. He professes to think he has good cause of action against the defendants for malicious prosecution.

Pretty Good Shooting.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.] INDIANAPOLIS, January 1.—The body of a robber killed by Druggist Kline on Wednesday night was brough to this city yesterday and identified as that of one Thompson, who had been stopping at the Powell House here for the past two weeks, and who had been under police surveillance since his ar-rival. On the lining of his hat was printed in gilt " New-York Hat Store, Arcola, Ill.," and it is thought that he came from Illinois. An hour after the shooting a man stopped at a farmhouse near the village of Broad Ripple and asked the way to this city. Blo stains were found along his tracks yesterday, indicating that he was Tho son's companion and that Kline's bullet had taken effect upon him.

Another Bank-President Missing

CLINTON, MASS., January 1 .- The ancaster National Bank of this place closed its doors last night after a searchby the fire, and almost instantly fell ing examination of the books by the directors. President W. H. McNeil is missing and has not been heard from since Tuesday, when he was in Lowell. whence he started ostensibly for Boston. He is charged with having used the bank's money for speculative en-terprises in which he was interested. and which do not furnish ample security. This is thought to be the cause of the present trouble. What the bank's condition is no one knows, nor can any one know until after the arrival to-morrow of Bank-Examiner Gatchell

Serious Railrand Collision

A collision occurred vesterday morning on the Houston and Texas Central railway at Garret station by which a passenger engine and caboose and three freight-cars were damaged and set on fire. The caboose was full of passengers, most of whom sustained injuries. W. S. McGraw and a fiverear-old son of Mr. Darby, both of Dallas, were seriously injured. The passengers were brought back to Dallas last evening, where the injured were cared for.

Bad Blood and Rioting in Canada. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.)
MONTREAL, January 1.—The barriade between St. Cunegonde and the ity, on St. James street, was again pulled down last night and again put up. A row occurred and the officers were pelted with stones. One officer of the isolation force was cut on the head with a bottle, but no serious result ensued.

A deputation from St. Cunegonde vaited upon the city authorities last night, and an agreement was arrived at by which the city is to withdraw the force from the barricades until Monday, and the St. Cunegonde officials on their part are to comply with the health regulations. The agreement was signed at midnight.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)
MONTROSE. Mo., January 1.—The large warehouse of Johnson & Buck and another building occupied as storerooms were destroyed by fire yester-day, and five dwelling-houses were torn down to prevent the destruction of the entire business part of the village. Loss on buildings and stocks, \$60,000 insurance, \$25,000.

A Long Strike Over. PITTSBURGH, PA., January 1 .-

The long strike of the river coal-miners is virtually over. The miners of Wal-ton, Hays, Risher & Munhall have returned to work at the two-and-a-halfcents rate, and there are now almost 2,000 men at work at that price. Cold Wave Coming. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.)
CHICAGO, January 1.—The United
States Signal Office reports a cold wave coming. The temperature will fall 15 to 20 degrees in the next forty-eight hours.

It is now 10 to 20 degrees below zero north of Dakots and Montana. Died of His Wounds. [By telegraph to the Dispatch.] CHARLESTON, S. C., January cnes P. Colburn, who was shot in the back on Wednesday last by Emile Ge-retti, an Italian, who afterwards com-mitted suicide, died at Mount Pleasant to-day of internal hemorrhage.

Suicide of an Alabamia (By telegraph to the Dispatch.)
COLUMBUS, GA., January 1.—R. H Harris, a prominent citizen of Lee bama Legislature in 1880, comm suicide yesterday by shooting his with a pistol. Financial troubles ca

(By telegraph to the Dispetch.)

DETROIT, MICH., January 1.—The police report all quiet among the Polish-church people. It is thought that the presence of the police and a knowledge that the militia are under orders has had a quieting effect.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

Receptions of the Cabiner Officers.
[By telegraph to the Dispaich.]
WASHINGTON, January 1.—For the WASHINGTON, January 1.—For the first time in several years New-Year's day dawned clear and beautiful. The hear-frost was seen dissipated by the rising run, and long before noon the temperature was like that of a spring day. The occasion was observed here, as in former years, by general calling. Business was suspended to a considerable extent, and all of the executive departments were closed.

departments were closed.

At the entrance to the White-House At the entrance to the White-House grounds two policemen kept back a crowd of carious idlers who gazed with interest at the handsome equipages of the Diplomatic Corps, high officials of the Government, and distinguished persons. Mounted policemen kept clear the carriage approach, and a long line of officers were formed on either side of the decrease. The full Marine Band of the doorway. The full Marine Band occupied the main vestibule and dis-coursed strains of music during the progress of the ceremonies.

The decorations of the Mansion were exceedingly simple, being confined to tasteful floral arrangements. Graceful palms and rare tropical plants there were in profusion; bouquets of great size and harmonious colors stood on the centre-tables, and delicate garlands of smilax contrasted with the crystal chan-

At 11 o'clock, to the accomp of "Hail to the Chief," by the Marine Band, the presidential party entered the reception-rooms and took up their sta-tion in the blue parlor. Mrs. Bayard leaned upon the arm of the President ; Secretary Bayard escorted Miss Cleve-land, and the remaining members of the Cabinet followed with their ladies, Secretary Lamar being the only

They exchanged cordial greetings and the ceremonies opened with the re-ception of the Diplomatic Corps. The Portuguese Minister, Count Das Nog-neiras, acted as dean of the corps in the absence of the Haytien Minister, M. Preston. The representatives of the foreign Powers were introduced to the President by the Secretary of State. The Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the United States Supreme Court came next in order, and were followed by the judges of the Court of Claims, United States Senators and Representatives in Congress, judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and the judicial officers of the District, members of the Cabinet, and ex-Ministers.

A few minutes before noon the band burst forth with a martial air, the "Black Hussar," and the officers of the army and navy filed into the reception-rooms, headed by Lieutenant-General Sheridan and his staff. As the officers passed through into the east parlor and mingled their glittering uniforms with the elegant toilets of the ladies the assembled scene was one of notable brilliancy. Next in order of reception came Professor Baird, Commissioner Coleman, the civil-service commissioners, the assistant secretaries. heads of bureaus, and other Government officials. Next came the veterans of the wars of 1812 and 1846, few in

number and bowed with age.

The Grand Army of the Republic made a fine display, and were received with marked deference. Many colored men, some of them crippled and maimed, were included in the ranks of this organization. While the Oldest Inhabitants' organization was passing GALVESTON, TEX., January 1.—A special to the News from Dallas says:

Machine of Santzation was passing through the reception-room the citizens were being formed into line on the side-walk. Their number ran up into the thousands, and the line, beginning at the gateway nearest Seventeenth street, stretched well over towards Fifteenth street. When the time arrived for the general reception, shortly after I o'clock, the gates were opened and the line passed through the White House, Notwithstanding the immense crowd, the best of order prevailed and everything passed off in the smoothest possible manner. During the reception all the parlors except the east room were darkened, and when the diplomats, the army and navy, and other officials entered this beautiful room the effect was most brilliant. The sun shone brightly through the southern windows. and the splendid landscape viewed from them added no little to the charming scene. In the afternoon Secretaries Bayard, Manning, Whitney, and Endi-cott, and Postmaster-General Vilas received their friends in large numbers. Secretary Lamar is at his Mississippi home, and the day is a sad anniversary in the family of Attorney-General Garland, and they did not re-ceive. Outside of the White House the largest reception of the day was that of Speaker and Mrs. Carlisle. A large number of ladies of families of members of the House assisted Mrs.

Carlisle in receiving.
It is estimated that over 6,000 people shook hands with the President today during the public reception. The President lowered the record of handshaking considerably. In eight min-utes he shook the hands of 274 persons, or about thirty-four a minute The highest number previously shaker by a President on New Year's day was by General Grant, when he grasped the hands of twenty-eight persons a minute for thirteen minutes

The New York Sub-Treasury

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, January 1.—Treasurer Jordan will leave Washington for New York to-night to take charge of the Sub-Treasury there. Eighteen expert counters will also go on this evening with the purpose of counting the Government funds in the vaults. Treasurer Jordan may encounter some difficulty in obtaining possession of the office, as it is understood that Mr. Acton, the present incumbent, asserts that in justice to himself and his bondsmen he cannot turn over the moneyar men he cannot turn over the moneys in his charge except to a suc-cessor regularly appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. This matter, however, has been fully discussed by high officials here, and the opinion prevails that Mr. Jordan can legally take possession. Should Actor resolutely refuse to turn over the funds resolutely refuse to turn over the funds to Mr. Jordan, the Secretary, it is said, could, if he considered it advisable, take advantage of section 3640 of the Revised Statutes, which provides that the Secretary of the Treasury may transfer the moneys in the hands of any depository of public moneys to the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Treasurer.

A Bishop in Benger.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

LONDON, January 1.—King Mombasa, in Central Africa, has seized Bishop Hannington, who has been engaged in missionary service, and will probably put him to death. No reason is given for the King's action.

Chicago's Mysterions His

said to have been lying where it was found for a week. The "machine," which was partly covered with dirt, was in some way revealed last night. Police officers were called and the machine was carefully taken to the Harrison-street police-station, where several experienced electricians examined it. They were unable to decide upon the nature of the queer contrivance. There is a cylinder of tin six inches in length, which it is thought may contain dynawhich it is thought may contain dynamite. This cylinder is hermetically sealed, as are also other portions of the machine. It will be turned over to

persons of experience for examination MEXICAN DIVERSIONS.

The Latest Fit of Revolution-Federa

By telegraph to the Dispate MATAMORAS, MEX., January 1 .-MATAMORAS, MEX., January I.—
General Miguel Gomez arrived here yesterday direct from the City of Mexico,
and immediately issued an order assuming command of the Federal troops
in this State (Tamaulipas). General
Sebastian Villa Real has been appointed
to the immediate command of the forces
in this city. General Francisco Estrado
supersedes General Lauro Cavasos as
commander of the fronter troops between Camargo and Nuevo Leon.

The newly-elected municipal officials are required by law to assume their offices to-day. The Federal forces will try to prevent this. The State troops will certainly try to install the officials, therefore serious consequences are fear-ed. The forces are about equally divided. Pronunciamentos are being issued in the interior. The State will surely be placed under martial law. This move is in the interest of Rubio, the present chief of the Federal Cabi-net, father-in-law of President Diaz, and an aspirant for the presidency of the republic.

MIER, STATE OF TAMAULIPAS, MER, STATE OF TAMAULIPAS,
MEXICO, January 1.—The fighting
Wednesday proves to have been a battle between a large band of smugglers
and customs guards, in which one
smuggler was killed and several wounded. The customs officials captured a
valuable lot of silks large and willed. valuable lot of silks, laces, and velvets.

> The Cougo Region IRy cable to the Dispatch.1

BRUSSELS, January 1 .- King Lec pold to-day received Lieutenant Taunt, of the United States navy, who has been exploring the Congo region. Lieutenant Taunt describes the region of the lower Congo as arid, unhealthy, and unpro-ductive, but above the Stanley pool, he says, the climate is fine and the resources immense. He will so report to his Government at Washington, adding that the country is now unworkable : that the whites cannot colonize that the natives will not work; and that cooly labor is necessary. found that the relations between the whites and natives were excellent.

Lord-Mayor Suth van Installed

[By cable to the Dispatch.] DUBLIN, January 1 .- T. D. Sullivan the new Lord-Mayor, was formally installed in office to-day with much cere mony. The populace was very enthu siastic and turned out en masse in honor of the event. An immense procession, composed of arti-sans and laborers carrying green banners and bearing other emblems of green colors, was one of the features of the day's celebration. Thirty bands were interspersed throughout the procession. Good order prevailed. No soldiers were seen on the streets during the demonstration.

Burmah's Annexation. [By cable to the Dispatch.] RANGOON, January 1 .- The proclamation announcing the annexation of Burmah to the British Empire was read rade in honor of the event, and a large concourse of natives gathered to near the reading of the proclamation. England cedes to China a part of Upper Burmab, in order to make the Chinese and Indian frontiers contiguous. India advocates an offensive and defensive alliance between China and India.

Spanish Revolutionists

MADRID, January 1 .- A band of Republican Revolutionists made an attempt to-day to destroy the railway bridge in the Sierra Morena mountains Five members of the band were arrested. It is reported that several persons

have been arrested and imprisoned at Ciudad Real on suspicion of being implicated in a revolutionary conspiracy Spanish Republicans

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

MADRID, January 1.—At a banquet
given by Republicans in honor of Senor
Zorilla speakers representing the majority of those present urged revolution against the Government. The minority, headed by Senor Salmeran, an emi nent Republican leader, protested against violence, which they declared would be harmful to the party's interests. They strongly urged that help be sought from the Moderates.

Brisson and Grevy [By cable to the Dispatch.] PARIS, January 2 .- There is a wide breach between M. Brisson and President Grevy. It is rumored that the former has written to the latter refusing to lend himself any longer to a combination the object of which is to impose upon him (Brisson) lasting discredit.

Becoming Common.
(By cable to the Dispatch.

LONDON, January 2 .- The Standard emarks that peerages, baronetcies, etc. will soon become as cheap as they are in France and Germany, and expresses the hope that such honors will in future be restricted.

Armenia.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 1 .- It is stated in Russia that Turkey will fulfil the article in the Berlin treaty providing for the execution of religiou forms in Armenia.

Pire in Bublin.

[By cable to the Dispatch.]

DUBLIN, January 1.—A gasometer belonging to the Dublin Gas-Works caught fire this evening, and is burning fiercely. The flames lighted up the whole city. Fire in Dublin

Russia and the Balkan Co [By cable to the Dispatch.] Journal says that a negative result of the Balkan Conference will prevent Russia from joining another conference. No Cordinate Yet.

(By cable to the Dispatch.)

ROME, January L.—The Pope will hold a consistory at the end of January for creating hishops. He does not intend to create any cardinals then.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)
PITTERURO, January 1.—Lizz
lett, the divorced wife of John Ga lett, a Grant-street mileon-keeper, called at his saloon to-night and, drawing a re-volver, fixed at him and then shot her-self in the left breast. The buildt in-tended for Garlett graved his lead and barried its if in the wall book of him. Mrs. Gar. will die. The couple have

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE. RIG BLAZE IN DETROIT.

once heed-Bouse and a Theatre Burn

Immense Nord-Rouse and a Theatre Muraed-Dispersic Fight with the FinnesFireman Killed.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

DETROIT, January I.—Shortly after
9 o'clock this morning smoke was observed issuing from D. M. Ferry &
Co.'s mammoth building, on Brush between Croghan and Lafayatte streets.

An alarm was quickly turned in, second
and third alarms following in quick
succession, there being a promise of a
big conflagration in the heart of the
business part of the city. The fire
department turned out in force, and
soon surrounded the burning building
with hose. The flames had started in
the packing department, on the corner of the packing department, on the corner of Lafayette and Brush streets, and soon enveloped the whole building, which was a mere shell, having but one solid wall inside of the outer walls. Bravely and intelligently the firemen kept at their work, but all efforts seemed futile, the flames spreading rapidly until at one time there was the probability of the whole district in which the burning whole district in which the burning building is situated being doomed. Buildings on the other side of Brush and Croghan streets caught a number of times, but the department managed to keep the flames from totally destroying them. Across the alley from D. M. Ferry & Co.'s building in the same square and facing on Randolph street are White's Grand Theatre and the Wesson block and a small building used as a block, and a small building used as a restaurant. The flames leaned across the alley and began to eat into the theatre. First the roof caught and soon fell in with a crash, firing the whole interior of the building. The crashing of window-glass was the signal for an increased

ary of the flames, which seemed to

defy the efforts of the firemen.

An immense crowd blocked the

streets in every direction, and at times were in the way of the firemen. By 10 o'clock the Ferry block was a mass of flames, and the walls commenced to fall, creating something of a panic among the throng of idle spectators. There were numerous narrow escapes among the firemen who worked close to the flames. By half-past 10 o'clock White's Theatre had been destroyed, and by 11 the firemen were compelled to turn their attention more to saving houses on the opposite side of Randolph street, although still keeping numerous streams playing on the burning build-ing. At 11 o'clock the men of No. 3 fire company raised a ladder in front of the theatre to get a better chance at the flames. Finding the rapidly-advancing fire would prevent any effective work at that point, the men were de-scending the ladder and had about reached the ground when several feet of the cornice fell on the ladder-wagon. Captain Richard Filbin was struck on the head by bricks and instantly killed, and Fireman White was badly but not fatally injured. Soon after the flames spread to Wesson block, on the corner of Randolph and Croghan streets, and that building was soon enveloped in flames. Although the buildings across Croghan street were threatened and caught once or twice, the department managed to keep the fire within the square named. and by 12 o'clock it was fully under control. To-night the flames are still raging fiercely, but have been confined within the area of the buildings already mentioned.

During the worst of the fire the wind

had been from the south, and not a single building on the corner of Lafavette and Randolph streets was seriously injured, but all the rest of the square was a total loss. The burned district belonged to what is known as the Brush estate, having been the site of the old homemammoth establishment six years ago. White's Theatre was originally built to accommodate the Peninsula Sanger bund, a Michigan off-shoot of the North American Sængerbund Company. It was organized in 1880, and this music hall was built at that time, being opened with an annual fest August 30, 1880. D. M. Ferry & Co.'s building occupie half of the square, being one of the largest in the city. Their seed business was probably the largest in the United States. In the building burned to-day 400 people are usually employed, besides 400 more on their immense farms outside the city. It was providential that it occurred on a holiday, as other-wise the loss of life would have probably been very great. Definite figure of the losses cannot be given, but the total will reach not less than \$1,500, 000. The stock alone in D. M. Ferry & Co.'s is estimated to have been worth from \$1,000,000 to \$1,200,000, and their building was valued at \$250,000. As to the origin of the fire there are no well-defined theories. Some of the employes hint at incendiarism, claiming that there were no fires in the part of the building first attacked by the flames, and that some outside agency mus have been responsible for the fire. officers of the company are completely at a loss to account for its origin The insurance on the Ferry property aggregates \$460,000. One po the Lion of England is for \$30,000 The remainder is distributed in sums from \$10,000 down to \$1,000.

What a Bank President Took Away

with Him.
[By telegraph to the Dispatch.] WORCESTER, MASS., January 1 .-One of the directors of the Lancaster National Bank at Clinton is authority National Bank at Clinton is authority for the statement that McNeill, the missing president, was at the bank Tuesday night, when he took from the vault \$6,000 in bank notes, \$1,000 in gold, a large amount of stock in the Rutland (Vt.) Marble Company, supposed to be about \$30,000, and a lot of paper signed by himself and hald by the bank, thought to be about \$30,000.

Idle Convicts. By telegraph to the Dispatch.1 PITTSBURGH, January 1.—To-day there are 330 idle convicts in Riverside penitentiary. Contracts in kiverside penitentiary. Contracts in the iron, cigar, and broom departments having expired, the convicts employed in these departments will remain idle until they can be placed at rug-making or other industries that the State may see fit to establish.

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